

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : David A. Martin  
FOR : **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR  
PREVENTING CHECK FRAUD**  
SERIAL NO. : 09/345,202  
FILED : June 30, 1999  
LAST OFFICE ACTION : December 6, 2001  
EXAMINER : Akers  
GROUP ART UNIT : 2876  
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. : 0236.0006

Akron, Ohio 44308-1147  
June 5, 2002

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**AMENDMENT A**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 6, 2001, the undersigned submits the following document:

The Examiner objected to the declaration because it did not include a notary seal. In accordance with MPEP §602, a notary seal is not required for a declaration.

With respect to the rejections of claims 1-23 under §103(a), the undersigned respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's conclusions. The Examiner has agreed to an in-person interview on June 20, 2002 to discuss the rejections of claims 1-23.

Respectfully submitted,

**EMERSON & SKERIOTIS**

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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

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Application Number	09/345,202
Filing Date	June 30, 1999
First Named Inventor	David Martin
Art Unit	2164
Examiner Name	AKers
Attorney Docket Number	236,0006

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

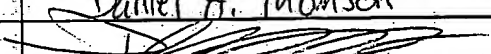
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 523.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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